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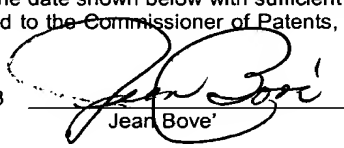
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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Sir:

Please enter into the above-entitled application the following response to the Office Action of April 22, 2003 in which a requirement for restriction was made. In view of the remarks which follow it is respectfully requested that the requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction and election of species. The Examiner would appear to be correctly referring in this instance to PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2 as the rules which strictly apply for assessing unity of invention,